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SUBJECT: ANTI US/BRITISH DEMONSTRATION WITHOUT INCIDENT

1. ON FEB 3, 1975 AT 1945 HOURS THREE HUNDRED GREEK STUDENTS SUBSCRIBING MAINLY TO MAOIST COMMUNIST LINE DEMONSTRATED PEACEFULLY IN FRONT OF US EMBASSY. FIFTEEN MINUTES EARLIER THEY HAD DEMONSTRATED PEACEFULLY IN FRONT OF BRITISH EMBASSY. AFTER FIFTEEN MINUTES SHOUTING ANTI AMERICAN SLOGANS AND POSING WITH BANNERS "AMERICA OUT OF GREECE" FOR THE PRESS THE DEMONSTRATORS PEACEFULLY DISPERSED.

2. FROM LOCAL PRESS AND POLICE LIAISON REPORTS RECEIVED THROUGHOUT THE DAY, IT WAS EXPECTED ABOVE DEMONSTRATION WOULD NUMBER AT LEAST ONE THOUSAND INCLUDING APPROXIMATELY 600 GREEK CYPRIOT STUDENTS. ALSO IT WAS ASSUMED MAINLY FROM EARLIER POLICE REPORTS SOME OF THE DEMONSTRATORS WOULD REMAIN OVERNIGHT ON THE STREET IN FRONT OF US EMBASSY AWAITING WORD AS TO WHETHER US CONGRESS WOULD EXTEND MILITARY AID TO TURKEY BEYOND FEB 5. AT 1930 HOURS LOCAL TIME THIS DATE GREEK RADIO NEWSCAST REPORTED ABOVE DEADLINE DATE WOULD NOT BE EXTENDED.

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3. GREEK POLICE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AROUND US AND BRITISH

EMBASSIES AND AT RESPECTIVE AMBASSADORS RESIDENCES APPEARED MORE THAN ADEQUATE. BETWEEN 500-600 POLICE WERE DISPERSED AROUND US EMBASSY AND IN SURROUNDING STREETS. THERE WERE FOUR POLICE BUSES AND THREE ARMORED POLICE WEAPONS CARRIERS PARKED BEHIND US EMBASSY. TWENTY FIVE ADDITIONAL POLICE WERE POSTED AROUND RESIDENCE OF U.S. AMBASSADOR. KUBISCH

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